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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12183)

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FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-1060) (P)

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Re Springfield letter to Bureau dated 3/8/72, with enclosures.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies each of the following issues of "The Voice of the Black Community": Volume Two, Issue #83, Monday, March 13, 1972; Volume Two, Issue #84, Friday, March 17, 1972.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM providing an analysis of the contents of these publications.

A review of the publications reveal no articles containing anti-semitic statements.

The Springfield Division remains alert for various individuals, organizations, and activities as they are described in periodic issues of "The Voice of the Black Community". New cases are opened and necessary action is taken regarding these, where warranted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

April 5, 1972

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"THE VOICE OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY"

References made to Springfield, Illinois memorandum dated March 8, 1972.

Volume Two, Issue Number 83, Monday, March 13, 1972, edition of "The Voice of the Black Community", contained an article on page one entitled, "Black Conference Successful", which was written regarding a recently met Black National Convention held in Gary, Indiana. According to the article, the conference was hosted by Mayor Richard Hatcher, Mayor of Gary, Indiana, and approximately 10,000 Black people from 42 states were in attendance. The article revealed that the key speakers were Mayor Richard Hatcher, Gary, and Reverend Jesse Jackson, cited by the article as being associated with "Operation Push".

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The article revealed that both the Democratic and Republican Parties were criticized by individual speakers at the convention for their failure to work effectively in aiding Black people in the United States. The article revealed that acting as co-chairman for the convention were Mayor Richard Hatcher, Gary, Indiana, Congressman Charles Diggs, State of Michigan and Imarv Baraka, cited by the article as chairman of the "Black Nationalist Party", New York City, New York.

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Other notables in attendance, according to the article, were Betty Shabaaz, wife of Malcolm X, Coretta King, wife of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., Ron Dillum, Congressman from the State of California, Carl Stokes, former Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, Louis Stokes, Congressman from Michigan, Roy Innis, Don Lee, cited by the article as a poet, Bobby Seale, Dick Newhouse, representative from Illinois, Isaac Hayes, Harry Belafonte, Areatha Franklin, B.B. King, Ben Branch (not further identified), the "Breadbasket Band", and other notables.

An article on page four, entitled "Sonia Sanchez Featured" revealed that Sonia Sanchez, cited by the article as a poet and presently an English teacher at the Manhattan College, New York City, New York, read poetry to the Black students of Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois, during a Black student celebration at that location.

An article on page five, entitled "Urban Renewal in Trouble" revealed that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), according to their Chicago, Illinois office, will not allow any public housing to be built in the urban renewal area as proposed by the Decatur based organization. According to the article, the Chicago office of HUD will not accept a plan proposed by individuals in Decatur interested in public housing and urban renewal whereby an area in the vicinity of the "Torrence Park" Decatur, Illinois, will be given urban renewal. HUD objects to the public housing proposed as a part of the urban renewal.

Beginning on page twelve of the above issue is an article entitled "Black Political Conference" and one page twelve are a number of photographs of individuals in attendance at the conference, including Coretta King, some individuals cited by the article as Black Panthers from California, former Mayor Carl Stokes, and other individuals. An article starting on page thirteen entitled "National Black Political Agenda" is the beginning of the agenda presented to the National Black Political Convention, Gary, Indiana, March 11, 1972, as published in two parts, the first part included in this edition of "The Voice of the Black Community".